

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

On March 16, 2009, Applicants filed an Amendment after final in response to an Office Action Made Final that was mailed December 18, 2008. In an Advisory Action mailed April 2, 2009, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment after final would not be entered because additional claims were presented without canceling a corresponding number of claims. *See Advisory Action, box 3(d)*. Accordingly, on April 10, 2009, Applicants' representative conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Hoffman to determine whether the Amendment filed March 16, 2009 raises new issues, so that the same rejection would not be applied.

Examiner Hoffman indicated that the Amendment filed March 16, 2009 would raise new issues and, therefore, a new rejection would be issued. Further, Examiner Hoffman stated that the amendments made in the March 16, 2009 filed Amendment appear sufficient to overcome the anticipatory rejection to Handelman (US Patent 5,774,546).

CONCLUSION

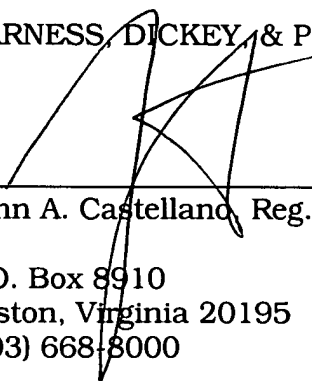
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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